### What We Share

# We bring a variety of experience to the Council:

- \* Direct experience in receiving services or providing care to older persons and adults with disabilities.
- \* A diverse understanding of community issues, and effectiveness in advocacy.
- \* Skills and experience in planning, fund distribution, budgeting and delivery of service systems.
- \* Leadership roles in business, voluntary, or nonprofit community organization.
- \*A desire to serve as a source of information to and from our own communities or interest groups.

Citizens interested in joining the Council or participating in committees, please contact:

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# The Advisory Council



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# Aging and Disability Services



Our mission is to identify the needs of older people and of adults with disabilities in our community, to advise on services to meet these needs and to advocate for local, state and national programs that promote quality of life for these populations.

### Who We are

The Advisory Council is a 27-person volunteer council which advises the Seattle-King County Division of Aging and Disability Services on issues, services and policies that affect older people and adults with disabilities. We are members of the community appointed to the Council, by one of three sponsors: Seattle Human Services Department, King County Dept. of Community & Human Services, and United Way of King County.

# How You Can Help

Unless otherwise announced, Advisory Council regular meetings are held on the second Friday of each month from noon to 2 pm in the 13th floor conference room of the Alaska Building, 618 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Seattle. All meetings are open to the public. Please consider this your invitation to attend. In these meetings you will have the opportunity to learn about the decisions Aging and Disability Services makes to benefit us all in our interrelated lives.

### What We Do

- We assist Aging and Disability Services in assessing and evaluating services, programs and projects with a view toward their maintenance and improvement.
- We serve as advocates on behalf of all older persons and adults with disabilities who reside in King County, with special emphasis on those with social and economic need.
- We sponsor and conduct public hearings, conferences and other meetings to obtain and
  - publicize information related to public policy, services and opportunities for older persons and adults with disabilities.
  - We review policies and programs affecting older persons and adults with disabilities and recommend necessary changes in programs and levels of service funding.



### How Do We Do It

#### **COMMITTEES**

- ◆ Advocacy & Outreach...
  - informs the community about critical issues and needs of older persons and adults with disabilities; advocates legislation and policy measures on their behalf.
- ◆ Planning & Allocation...

studies in detail programs and projects receiving funding from Aging and Disability Services and makes recommendations regarding their support.

#### TASK FORCE

- ◆ Health Care...
  - examines policies related to health care issues such as Medicare, patient rights, mental health, dementia needs, health insurance coverage and procedures; advocates for improved service.

Aging and Disability Services (ADS) is the Area Agency on Aging for Seattle-King County whose mission is to develop a community that promotes independence and choice for older people and adults with disabilities in Seattle-KingCounty. To achieve this goal, ADS focuses on the areas of Health and Long Term Care, Access to Services and Advocacy.